

Park Avenue Synagogue

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From the Rabbi's Desk

On the facing page, our Chairman of the Board has made you aware of a few changes in our *Shabbat* and Festival morning services.

Amy has been meeting with the Rabbis and Cantors so that, together, we can try some new ideas.

For example, the clergy receive

many requests for prayers for friends or family who are ill, and it is important that we continue to mention those names. It is also important to try to find the Hebrew (or Yiddish) name of the person and the mother's name, in accordance with tradition.

We will continue to read the full list of names at services on Mondays and Thursdays and on *Shabbat* afternoon. Rabbi Stern has pointed out that *Shabbat* afternoon has always been considered what the rabbis called an *eit ratzon*, or a time when our prayers are especially efficacious. We especially encourage those who are concerned about someone who is ill to try to attend these services.

On *Shabbat* morning, instead of reading the individual names, there will be a special, beautiful prayer that will be sung by the Cantors; during that singing we will ask you to bring to mind anyone you know who is ill.

David H. Lincoln
Senior Rabbi

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

MAY 2006

Friday, May 5

Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, May 6

Hashkama Service 7:30 am

Annual *Shabbat* Morning Music Service 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Langs,

daughter of Liise-Anne Pirofski and Charles Langs

Minha 6:00 pm

Friday, May 12

Tot Kabbalat *Shabbat* Service 5:15 pm

Passionate Davening Friday Evening Service NEW 6:15 pm

Saturday, May 13

Hashkama Service 7:30 am

Sanctuary Service 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Jori Goodman,

daughter of Judy and Mark Goodman

Havurah Service 9:30 am

Minha 6:00 pm

Friday, May 19

Friday Evening Service 6:00 pm

Congregational School Moving Up Ceremony,

followed by *Oneg Shabbat*

Saturday, May 20

Hashkama Service 7:30 am

Sanctuary Service 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Maia Salholz-Hillel,

daughter of Miriam Salholz and Edward Hillel

Havurah Service 9:30 am

Tot *Shabbat* 11:15 am

Followed by Picnic

Minha 6:00 pm

Friday, May 26 – ***Yom Yerushalayim***

Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Saturday, May 27

Hashkama Service 7:30 am

Sanctuary Service 9:15 am

Minha 6:00 pm

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

From the Chairman

In this column, I have written to you about many of the challenges that face Park Avenue Synagogue and the actions we are taking to address these challenges. One of the most important challenges that faces



Park Avenue Synagogue and the Conservative Movement in general is the shrinking population that attends *Shabbat Services*. We are all extremely fortunate to have four clergy members

who reflect on this issue and want to do something about it. To this end, I have met numerous times with our Rabbis and Cantors.

They have contacted other synagogues and have visited other services. They have formed a committee that is looking at Friday Evening Services. Over the next few weeks, you will see the results of these efforts. Beginning on May 12, our Friday Evening Service will have a revised format. It will keep the traditional aspects to our service and expand on those characteristics of the *Rinah U'Tefilah Service* that our congregation enjoys. I know you will find this new service both meaningful and inspirational (for details, see page 4).

Shabbat Morning Services will also

reflect some changes. As an example, the Torah Service will have fewer *aliyot*. All people celebrating birthdays will be called up to the Torah together and all people celebrating anniversaries will be called up to the Torah together. The only exceptions will be those individuals who are celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary. Other parts of the service will be handled differently as well (please see Rabbi Lincoln's column). I welcome your input as we go forward.

This is our year of Prayer and Practice, a year to think about enriching our Jewish lives. There is no better place for this to happen than our *Shabbat Services*. I hope I will see you there.

Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



Prayer and Practice Study Groups

These in-depth study groups are a great way to spend

more intimate time with your clergy and community.

The Disciplines of Jewish Living

Learn about the daily *Minyan*.

Mondays, May 1 & 8, 5:45 pm –

7:00 pm. With Rabbi Lincoln's help, deconstruct the daily *Minyan* by participating in the evening *Minyan* at P.A.S. in the Appleman Chapel and then learning the content of the prayers and why the *Minyan* is an integral part of daily Jewish living.

Cracking the Code Hebrew Class

Monday, May 8, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

P.A.S. Rabbinical Assistant Micah Peltz will teach the last "Advanced" Introduction to *Siddur* Hebrew class, for those who have enjoyed the Cracking the Code Hebrew classes.

In the P.A.S. Gallery



May – June— Herzl: Up Close and Personal – In Pursuit of the Zionist Vision

We are proud to host this traveling exhibition celebrating the visionary of the Jewish State on the 100th anniversary of his passing. This exhibition is brought to us

by the P.A.S. Israel Committee.

In the fall—How Do You Practice *Shabbat* at Home?

Help us to display the objects that enable our community to celebrate *Shabbat* at home. The P.A.S. Gallery Committee invites you to exhibit your personal *Shabbat* ritual objects in our gallery from late October to December. We are particularly interested in objects that have a story to tell – whether family history, art and design, or significant place of origin. We are interested in new or old *kiddush* cups; candlesticks; *challah* covers; knives and boards; washing cups; *havdallah* candles and spice boxes. If you have objects to loan, please email FamilyEd@pasyn.org.

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Enriching our Jewish Lives Through Prayer and Song

The annual *Shabbat* Morning Music Service is always a highlight of the year at P.A.S. For this year's Service, on May 6 at 9:15 am, Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson have prepared an enhanced musical service reflecting our Prayer and Practice theme. The service will explore the uniqueness of Jewish prayer through our choral and congregational melodies, and will be especially meaningful to congregants who have recently completed the "Cracking the Code" classes, and have improved their Hebrew and *Siddur* skills and knowledge. And because this Music Service falls during the week in which we also celebrate *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*, Israel's

Independence Day, we will highlight Israeli music as well.

To further enhance this special Music Service, our Congregational Singers and Concert Choir, under the direction of Neil Robinson, will join the cantors, and we will have the joy of celebrating the *Bat Mitzvah* of Sarah Langs.

Congregants of all ages are invited to bring family and friends to share in this wonderful service. A festive *Kiddush* honoring the participating artists will follow the service. This musical occasion is made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Rita Shapiro and her daughter, Karen Spector, in memory of Sarah, Samuel and George M. Shapiro. We hope you will join us on May 6.

Israel Parade Art Workshop

For a fun-filled morning, Grades 3 and up are invited to this art workshop on **Sunday, May 7, 10:00 am – 11:30 am**. Work together to create the banner and props for the Israel Day Parade in June. How proud you'll be to see your handiwork on Fifth Avenue!

Congregation-wide *Yom Ha'atzma'ut* Celebration

Don't miss the fun on **Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm**. Everyone is invited to dance with us to music ranging from traditional Israeli songs to the latest hits, featuring deejay Kapuano straight from the clubs of Tel Aviv. Kick up your heels, then enjoy Israeli food and wine.

Evening Book Discussion

Join in a discussion of *A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories* on **Monday, May 8 at 8:00 pm**, led by Pat Davidson. The next discussion will take place in Fall 2006.

Celebrate the 3rd Annual Raynot

All members are invited to a cocktail party on **Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm** to celebrate the publication of the 3rd Annual issue of *Raynot*, the P.A.S. liter-

ary magazine, and to honor those who have contributed their work to it. Please join us for this special event.

124th Annual Congregational Meeting:

The annual Congregational Meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue is your opportunity to hear the "State of the Congregation" report reviewing activities of 2005-2006 from Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman, and to congratulate our congregational officers and members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council as they are inducted by our clergy. It is also an opportunity to hear about what's new and exciting and to get your questions answered. Come and be a part of all that is happening at P.A.S. There will be refreshments, and a chance to mingle with the clergy, your lay leadership and fellow congregants. All members are urged to attend the meeting on **Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm** in the Hall of Worship. Don't miss this chance to hear about your synagogue!

Before the Stork Arrives: A Class for Expectant Parents

Spend a calm, leisurely hour on Thurs-

day, **May 11 at 8:00 pm** with Rabbi Kenneth Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn. To register, please call Naomi Lipnick in Rabbi Stern's office, at (212) 369-2600 ext. 121, or email nlipnick@pasyn.com.

Try a New Service to Welcome Shabbat

Turn off your cell phone, pager, BlackBerry and iPod, and join us for *Passionate Davening*, a new Friday Evening Service, on **May 12 at 6:15 pm** in the Appleman Chapel. Our new format will include joyful, participatory singing and a special moment of learning. Lift your spirits and join us as we warmly welcome *Shabbat* as a community.

Explore the Treasures of The Jewish Theological Seminary at the P.A.S. Friends of J.T.S. Lag Ba'omer Garden Party



Celebrate the special relationship between P.A.S. and The Jewish Theological Seminary at the Park

Avenue Synagogue Friends of J.T.S. annual Garden Party, this year celebrating Lag Ba'omer, on Monday, **May 15, at 6:30 pm** at the Seminary. Join us for a buffet dinner, followed by an interactive treasure hunt through the campus. A bus will leave from Park Avenue Synagogue at 6:15 p.m. and return to the Synagogue at the end of the event. The Garden Party is the culmination of many cultural and outreach programs jointly held this year by P.A.S. and J.T.S.

It is important that the entire community of P.A.S. supports J.T.S. Last year, we provided three scholarships to J.T.S. students—one each in the Rabbinic, Education and Cantorial Schools. This year, with your participation, we hope to provide scholarships to other outstanding J.T.S. students. For further information, contact Darone Ruskay, Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement, at (212) 579-9558 or daruskay@jtsa.edu.

Lag B'omer Picnic for Everyone

Join us for this fun, intergenerational, annual event on Thursday, **May 18, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**. Congregants of all ages will gather for a picnic and games, led by the enthusiastic members of the Family Education/Kehillah committee and our motivated Congregational School students. This event is a

The P.A.S. Israel Committee

The mission of the Israel Committee is to educate all segments of our community—from our youngest students to our most mature congregants; to boost our collective sense of connection to the historic land (*Eretz Yisrael*) and to the modern State of Israel, and to express, in balanced and appropriate ways, our communal support of Israel. The Israel Committee serves the P.A.S. community by providing



programming, awareness and a unified commitment of purpose in support of the State of Israel. For more information, please call the co-chairs, Doree Greenberg (212) 628-6181 or Kathy Grunfeld (212) 580-9153.

Did you know that...?

- after the U.S. and Canada, Israel has the largest number of NASDAQ-listed companies?
- when Golda Meir was elected Prime Minister of Israel in 1969, she became the world's second elected female leader in modern times?

highlight of the spring—a great way to relax and mingle with the clergy and fellow members of our community.

Perpetual Film Festival in The Rothschild Library

On **Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm**, the Perpetual Jewish Film Festival will feature a movie as important as it is difficult. Directed unflinchingly by Israel's foremost filmmaker, Amos Gitai, *Kippur* is about war from a country that cannot escape war. Critics have

described it as, "a devastating portrait of the suffocating, disorienting senselessness of war and its assault on our sense of humanity." Working in a "close-to-the-ground hyper-realist mode," Gitai, himself a veteran of the Yom Kippur War, tells the story not from the viewpoint of the soldiers fighting, but of the rescue team desperately searching battlefield after battlefield for survivors. This is a hard film, and one worthy of our attention. A discussion will follow. ◊



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Arms' Programs & Events

Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Come to schmooze and listen to recordings of Jewish songs on **Tuesday, May 2 at 1:00 pm.** Coffee and cake will be served.

Men's Club, Sisterhood & Yiddish Club: 100 Years of Jewish Theater Music

You're invited to a joyous brunch on **Sunday May 14 at 11:00 am**, featuring good food and Zalman Moltek on the piano, when the Men's Club, Sisterhood and the Yiddish Club celebrate the tradition of Yiddish music and its influence on the American theater. The brunch is free to members of Men's Club, Sisterhood and the Yiddish Club; \$10.00 per guest.

Sisterhood: Enjoy an Afternoon of Yiddish Films

Between 1927 and 1940, over 100 Yiddish films, which featured the great stars and character actors of Yiddish theater, were made in the United States. On **Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00 pm**, Sisterhood and the Yiddish Club of P.A.S. will co-sponsor a showing and discussion of the acclaimed documentary *Almonds and Raisins: A History of Yiddish Cinema*, narrated in English by Orson Wells, with English subtitles on all the excerpts from Yiddish movies. All members of P.A.S. are invited. A light lunch will be provided.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach: Annual Camp Clothing Drive

Here is a wonderful chance to help children in need: Please check your closets and drawers for clothes and sporting goods in good condition, suitable for children ages eight and up, and bring them to P.A.S. all day on **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16 and 17**, and until 4:00 pm on **Thursday, May 18**. These items are being collected on behalf of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

Sisterhood: Daytime Book Discussion

Join us on **Monday, May 22, 11:00 am** in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of *There Are Jews in My House*, by Lara Vapnyar, and enjoy some coffee and cake, too. Even if you have not read the book, don't hesitate to come and listen to the discussion.

WEG: Learn the History of Silver Jewelry

Join us on **Monday, May 22 at 7:30 pm** when Daniel and Serga Nadler, noted collectors of tribal and ethnic jewelry, which has been on display at the Minga Museum in San Diego, will make a visual presentation based on their recently published book, *Silver: From Fetish to Fashion*.

WEG: Study and Socialize on Rosh Hodesh

Moonbeams, a monthly *Rosh Hodesh* study/social experience, invites women of all ages in the congregation to participate in an adventure of learning and friendship on **Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**. For more information, consult the Synagogue web site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Schebler, (212) 734-0444.

Men's Club: Federation of Jewish Men's Club Annual Dinner

The Men's Club of Park Avenue Synagogue will honor Henry Glanternik and Leon Heller as Men's Club Men of the Year, and Jonathan Bryer with the Men's Club Youth Award, at the Federation of Jewish Men's Club (FJMC) 23rd Annual Dinner on **Sunday, June 11 at 5:00 pm** at Temple Gates of Prayer 38-20 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing. Another highlight of the dinner will be the installation of our own Les Agisim as President of the Metro Region of Men's Clubs. Everyone is asked to attend the dinner, which is \$75 per person, and to buy ads and raffles to support the honorees. For more information, please contact our club's FJMC liaison Brian Chenensky at 646-662-1573 or Chenensky@hotmail.com. 

Synagogue Family

May B'not Mitzvah Sarah Langs May 6, 2006



Sarah's Jewish education began at the P.A.S. Early Childhood Center and has continued at The Congregational

School. A seventh grader at the Dalton School, Sarah enjoys writing, reading and swimming and has a passion for sports, especially baseball, football and college football. During summers, she enjoys working with young children as a counselor in training at Castilleja Camp in California.

Sarah's mitzvah project was with the Jewish Chaplaincy at Stanford

University Medical Center, to which she will donate part of her gifts. She will read from *parsha Achrei Mot/Kedoshim*, which details commandments that serve as building blocks of Jewish Life. Sarah hopes this *parsha* will bring a chance to think of how to apply the laws to current times.

Sarah is thankful to the clergy and teachers and her wonderful



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friends at P.A.S. for all their help and support, and looks forward to continuing her studies at the Hebrew High School.

Jori Goodman May 13, 2006



Jori is a seventh grader at Columbia Prep, where she especially likes math, science and English. Jori's favorite sports are skiing, ice hockey, basketball, and softball. She spends summers at Camp Vega in Maine.

Jori's Bat Mitzvah parsha is *Emor*, which explains the responsibility and obligations of the *Kohanim*. The complex relationship between the regulations linking the *parsha* and the *haftarah* epitomizes the progression of tradition and change. The *Kohanim* are the leaders who are required to maintain continuity with the sacred practices of the past and to preserve the integrity of the traditions and its ideals.

Maia Salholz-Hillel May 20, 2006

Maia was born in Paris, France and moved to New York to be near her



beloved, late grandmother, Mila. Maia is a seventh grader at The Horace Mann School, where she is on the wrestling team, and especially loves to act and sing. Maia's summers are divided between Camp Kinneret in the Canadian Laurentians, and practicing French in Paris.

Maia is a committed supporter of NACOEJ and is twinned with an Ethiopian girl celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah*, whom she hopes to meet soon in Israel.

Maia's *parsha* is *Behar Bechukotai*, which inspires us to live ethically and to do the right thing because it is right and not for any advantage. This is a moral obligation that Maia aspires to in her daily life.

Maia is grateful to her parents and grandparents for their love and support and to the clergy and teachers who helped her prepare for her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Pride & Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty *Mazel Tov* to:
Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter, on being elected as a Fellow of The American

College of Psychiatrists.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Altman, Mr. & Mrs. John Brody, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Dembitzer, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Meltzer, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Nayman, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Poses.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families, including:

- Karen Bass, on the passing of her mother, Molly Sher.
- Phyllis Gallahou, on the passing of her husband, Murray Gallahou.
- Anita Gluck, on the passing of her husband, and Freema Gluck and Sheera Gluck, on the passing of their father, A. Stanley Gluck.
- Robert Matthews, on the passing of his father, Joseph Matthews.
- Steven Nelson, on the passing of his father, Howard Nelson.
- Sharon Oberman, on the passing of her father, Aaron Land.
- The family of Martha Ruth Keiser Selig. \star

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study & Learning

All adult education courses cost \$25/members; \$40/non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Sign up now. Call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 142 or email sgribetz@pasyn.org.

Study Talmud & Torah on Tuesdays

• **Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln**
Ongoing Tuesday mornings,
8:00 am
NO CHARGE

• **Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Stern**
Ongoing Tuesday mornings,
11:00 am
NO CHARGE

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Jewish Life and Learning

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Study Judaism on Wednesdays

- **Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask**
Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Sarah Gribetz, instructor

- **Women on the Verge...**

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Study & Discuss on Thursdays

- **Lunch 'n' Learn**

Ongoing Thursdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

NO CHARGE

Members of the Clergy and Education

Department, instructors

Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

- **Taste of Torah-Parsha Class**

Thursday, May 25, 7:00 pm

Rabbi Dawn Rose, instructor

A discussion-based class on the weekly Torah portion made relevant to our lives.

Family Education/Kehillah

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Join Jody Prusan and members of the

clergy for a special service for toddlers & pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents, and friends on *Shabbat* evening, **May 12, 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm**.

Tot Shabbat & Picnic

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on *Shabbat* morning, **Saturday, May 20, 11:15 am – 12:00 pm**, followed by our annual year-end picnic. made relevant to our lives. 

News From Our Schools



Congregational School

by Ron Koas, Education Director

Jewish Values

family and strive for harmony.

Rachel Lander: Hay class made a

We teach Jewish values in our school, but how can we choose a Jewish value? We in the school have some ideas, as our students taught us on *Shabbat Hakavod*:

Andrew Weiss: I was asked to find a connection between today's *parsha* and our values. Today's *parsha* is *Parsha Terumah*. It details the dimensions of the *Mishkan* (or Tabernacle). It connects to our value because the *Mishkan* housed our holiest document, the *Torah*, in which we are commanded to **respect our parents**. The *Torah* is a precious gift, and so is our family. We must remember this. We have to love our

list of our most important Jewish values. We narrowed the list and selected two: Respect and Family. We came to a conclusion that Respect and Family are equally important. We combined them and got Respect Your Family. These values are important not only to the Jewish community, but to every community. You have to start by respecting yourself, then your

**PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
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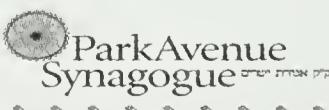
is now accepting new applications and re-enrollments for the 2006 -2007 school year from members and non-members.

The school will consider new applications for Gan, Alef and Bet grades as well as transfers into higher grades (on a very limited basis).

There are spots open in our MATAN program for learning differences, especially in our new class for 5-7 year olds.

New applications will be considered in the order they are received.

Re-enrollment forms for returning students are due on June 2nd.
For more information or to request an application packet, please call 212.369.2600 ext. 130 or 131



parents, extended family and community. This reminds me of a tree: It starts from the roots (yourself), moves up to the trunk (your parents, brothers and sisters), then to the branches (your extended family), and finally to the leaves (your community). We think that if you don't respect yourself, family and community, you can't accomplish a lot in life. This shows that Respecting Your Family can get you far in life.

Jonathan Furman: This year, one of the things that the Vav class studied was Jewish values. We discussed various Jewish values and, for this *Shabbat* service, decided which one was the most important to us. How could we decide which Jewish value was most important, since they're all so important and meaningful? The Jewish value we chose was honesty, simply put, because in Judaism G-d has always dealt with the Jewish people honestly. If G-d hadn't been honest with us, we wouldn't be here today. G-d said that he would take us out of a foreign land, Egypt, and he did. G-d said he would get us to the promise land and we got there and are still there. He also promised that he would give us rain for our crops; he did that too. G-d has never broken his word or done something terrible to the Jewish people (at least not without warning us). To the Vav class, "honesty" was an important Jewish value, because it seemed to be so close to an attribute of G-d.

More on Jewish Values

Think *middot* – moral qualities. Think *mitzvot* – commandments or good deeds. Think *musar* – instruction. Then, think *mensch* – decent person.

The Meaning of *Shabbat Hakavod*

by Diane Smallberg

"**T**each a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from It," goes an old Yiddish saying. For those of us who are parents, "the way he (or she) should go" may mean sending our children to study and learn the ethical, religious and spiritual lessons taught at The P.A.S.

Congregational School. For the children, "the way he should go" means literally, "you are going to Hebrew School today, no discussion."

Some children may not yet understand the value of their Jewish education and those who do may still balk at having to go three times a week.

Nonetheless, on *Shabbat*

Hakavod, the day we honor the children for their commitment to their Jewish path of learning, they knew their prayers, chanted in earnest, and sang with a full and joyous heart. All of us present—parents, relatives, congregants and children shared in the pride of this accomplishment.

Spoken or unspoken, each child, from *Gan* to *Vav*, standing on the *Bimah* next to the Rabbis and the Cantors, understood and felt the importance of the day and its significance. By the time the children finished their desserts at the *Kiddush* luncheon following the services, they may have let go of the feeling, but it is our hope and desire that they "will not depart from it."

These are the ideas and the ideals that express the meaning of the term "Jewish values."

What makes a value Jewish? Louis Jacobs' book, *The Jewish Religion: A Companion* (Oxford University Press, 1995), clarifies that important question. Jacobs writes: "Basic to all the higher religions are ideals corresponding closely to those described as Jewish. Non-religious, as well as religious, ethical thinkers have expounded on the worth of humility, truth, love, and compassion. If the adjective 'Jewish' is used the intention is to suggest: (a) that these values receive a special kind of emphasis in the Jewish tradition, a Jewish way of looking at them; and (b) that they are not

remote ideals but are a real, vital force in the lives of Jews." (p.574)

Jewish teaching, Jewish law, Jewish tradition and Jewish history all embrace a remarkably constant set of beliefs and behaviors that can be called Jewish values. Along with the positive ones—love G-d, study Torah, beautify the *mitzvah*, pursue justice—there are negatives: Do not speak *lashon hora*; do not humiliate others; do not destroy. Practice the positive, reject the negative, and the moral qualities you possess will make you a *mensch*. Not necessarily rich, or handsome, or famous, but better than all of those, a *mensch*.

From <http://www.ajljewishvalues.org>

E.C.C. Applications for 2007-08

ember families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2007-08 school years are asked to call the school and request an application form between May 1 and June 30, 2006. (After June 30, the school will be closed until mid-August.)

All children who were born

before April 1, 2005 are eligible for school in September 2007. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been active longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration. However, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not

guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the September 2006 school year, there were approximately 55 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2007-08 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or non-members we will be able to accept. ☩

Contributions

Bikur Cholim

Mrs. Jane Bressler, in memory of her beloved father, Norbert Blechner. Carolyn & Neil Coplan, in memory of Wallace Chavkin's aunt Lillie. Gloria & Harvey Levine, in memory of Wallace Chavkin's aunt Lillie. Leah & Barrie Modlin,

congratulations to Cantor David Lefkowitz & Cantor Nancy Abramson upon being honored at the Park Avenue Synagogue annual Gala.

High School Food Pantry

Anonymous, in honor of 60th anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vogelstein. Mr. Louis Bernstein, in

honor of his birthday. Mrs. Ruth Ezra. Erica, Jacob & Alex Goldberg, Happy Birthday to Sam and Andrew Goldberg. Ms. Linda Goldman-Katz, in memory of her beloved father, Marcus Goldman. Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz. Ruben, Lizzie, Renee & Leon Kraiem, in honor of Samara Flug's Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi David & Susan Lincoln. Sheila & Robert Miller,

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Calling All Children With a May Birthday

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with a May birthday will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, May 5 at 6:15 pm**

Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan or a Shabbat Kiddush. Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.

VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA NEEDED FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Anniversary/Archives Committee is looking for:

1. Volunteers and summer student interns to help with archives and exhibitions. Time commitment is flexible.
2. Pictures and memorabilia from any celebration held at the Synagogue, or related to Synagogue history. We especially want photos involving the Torah, such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, or other events on the Bimah. We also need photos of any school activities. Please label with names, dates, and occasion, and whether you want the item returned.

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Mark your calendar now!

Israel Parade Art Workshop

Sunday, May 7, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

This couldn't be more fun for one and all!

Participants will work together as we create the banner and props for the Salute to Israel Independence Day Parade in June. Families with children in Grades 3 & up are welcome.

Congregation-Wide *Yom Ha'atzma'ut* Celebration

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! This wonderful event will feature DJ Kapuano straight from the clubs of Tel Aviv! Dance with us to music ranging from traditional Israeli songs to the latest hits.

Enjoy Israeli food and wine.

Salute to Israel Independence Day Parade

Sunday, June 4

Don't miss this opportunity to march up Fifth Avenue showing your love and commitment to Israel. All participants will get a Park Avenue Synagogue T-shirt.



All events co-sponsored by the P.A.S. Israel Committee

* Reservation required

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MAY 2006

*All information is subject to change.
Please confirm with the Synagogue Office*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am <i>Minha</i> Sunday-Thursday, 5:45 pm Saturday at 6:00 pm	1 10:00 am Israel Parade Art Workshop 4:00 pm <i>Yom Ha Azma'ut</i> Celebration	2 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 4:45 pm CS <i>R'kudiyah</i>	3 <i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</i> 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 5:15 pm CS <i>R'kudiyah</i>	4 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	5 7:15 am <i>Hashkama</i> Service 9:15 am Annual <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Music Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am <i>Nitzanim</i> Service 6:00 pm <i>Minha</i> <i>Parsha Achrei Mot-Kedoshim</i>	6
	7 5:45 pm Disciplines Class 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting	8	9 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Rayonot</i> Cocktail Party 7:25 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	10 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:00 pm Congregational Meeting 8:00 pm Before the Stork	11 11:00 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 7:30 pm Young Couples Group	12 5:15 pm <i>Tot Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 6:15 pm <i>Passionate Davening</i> Service 7:45 pm Light Candles
	14 10:00 am <i>Lag Ba'Omer</i> Garden Party	15 5:45 pm Disciplines Class 6:30 pm Cracking the Code 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	16 <i>Lag B'omer</i> 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film & Discussion	17 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class	18 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 5:30 pm <i>Lag B'omer</i> Picnic 7:00 pm Perpetual Film Festival	19 6:00 pm Friday Evening Service- CS Moving Up Ceremony & <i>Oneg</i> <i>Shabbat</i> 7:51 pm Light Candles
	21 11:00 am Men's Club, Sisterhood, Yiddish Club: Jewish Music	22	23	24	25	26 Last Day of CS Classes 10:30 am Everything ... About Judaism Class Ends 12:15 pm ECC Picnic-Green Room 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class Ends
	28 Memorial Day Synagogue Offices Closed	29	30 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm WEG Silver	31 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 12:15 pm ECC Picnic-Blue Room 7:00 pm <i>Parsha</i> Class	32 THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY Schedule of Hours: Mondays 1:2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm	33 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:15 pm ECC Picnic-Red Room 7:30 pm Moonbeams

A Look Ahead

Tot Shavuot Service

Friday, June 2, 10:30 am-11:15 am

Toddlers and preschoolers will have the wonderful opportunity of celebrating *Shavuot* together with their parents, grandparents and friends.

Calling all Tiny Treasures

Friday, June 2, 6:15 pm

Join us for an inaugural event to welcome our newest congregants and celebrate their first birthdays together as a community. All children born between June 2004 and June 2005 will be honored during our Friday Night *Shabbat* Service, which is also the 2nd night of *Shavuot*. A Birthday *Kiddush* will follow. R.S.V.P. to Naomi Lipnick in Rabbi Stern's Office, (212) 369-2600, ext. 121, with the

English and Hebrew name of any Tiny Treasure who will be attending.

New J.T.S. Chancellor To Speak at P.A.S. on Shavuot

Saturday, June 3, 9:15 am



Arnold M. Eisen, Ph.D., newly named Chancellor of J.T.S. and a past P.A.S. *Shabbaton* Scholar-in-Residence, will address the congregation at *Shavuot* services in the Sanctuary.

Salute to Israel Parade

Sunday, June 4

Don't miss the opportunity to march up Fifth Avenue showing your love and support for Israel! Join us! All

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WEG: HUC Gallery Tour

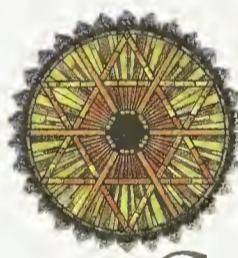
Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 pm

For the final meeting of the year, WEG members will have a light dinner at Hebrew Union College, 1 West Fourth Street, and a tour of the exhibits: "The Art of Matty Grunberg: A Journey Thru Jerusalem" and "The Jewish Graphic Novel."

Special for Singles at P.A.S.

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 pm on the Roof

Just for those 30+, the Singles Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue is holding a wine tasting party with a twist: We're asking married couples to bring a single friend. For details, contact Fred Mirsky at (212) 371-3933.



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